

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title:	Supermarket Loss Estimates for Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Poultry, and Seafood		
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB)	ERR		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Influential Scientific Information	
Agency:	Economic Research Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
	USDA		
Agency Contact:	Elise Golan, egolan@ers.usda.gov		
Subject of Review:	ERS would like to know what and how much Americans are eating. One way to estimate consumption is through the amount of food available for consumption, specifically ERS's Loss-Adjusted Food Availability data. Some of the food loss (e.g., moisture loss, spoilage) assumptions used in this data set may be potentially outdated and may not reflect current manufacturing, retail, and food preparation practices. ERS obtained updated food loss estimates at the retail level for individual fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, and seafood through a competitive grant with the Perishables Group, Inc. The Perishables Group used a sample of data from six large, national and regional supermarket retailers from their proprietary database. For each store in the sample, supplier shipment data was paired with point of sale data to identify food loss percentages for each covered commodity. For fresh meat, poultry, and seafood, data was supplemented by the Perishables Group with qualitative information from about a dozen retailers.		
Purpose of Review:	The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.		
Type of Review:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Panel Review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Reviewers
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):	
Timing of Review (Est.):	Start:	07/10/08	End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX
Number of Reviewers:	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 or fewer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:	Economists		
Reviewers selected by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Outside Organization
	Organization's Name:		
Opportunities for Public Comment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:			
How:			
When:			
Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No